

2nd Grade Scoop

August 23-26, 2011

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West Central Elementary

Character Education

The Character Education word for August is:

Sportsmanship. A person who can lose without complaint or treats victory without gloating and is fair and courteous uses good sportsmanship. Each week we will be giving away Subway Certificates to students who exhibit these characteristics!

Social Studies/ Weekly Reader

This week we will be learning about Monarch butterflies and all about communities.

Vocabulary Words:

nectar, migrate, larva, pupa, and communities



Math

This week we will be working with understanding place value and making reasonable estimates. We will also work on problem solving. Please work with your child on memorizing math flash cards in addition and subtraction. We continue to do Mad Minute Math tests and CGI problems on a daily basis.

Just a reminder:

Homework is:

- *Study spelling words
- *Read for 20 minutes every night
- *Memorize math flash cards for addition and subtraction
- *Practice writing short stories
- *Please remember to initial your child's planner with time read each night

Creative Writing

The students will be creating stories about things they see on the way to school. We will also learn about something new they would like to learn about. Ways to be a friend will also be a fun topic!

Spelling

The students are working on spelling words with short vowels this week. (a,e,i,o,u). We will be doing Differentiated Spelling. Each child will come home with their own personal list of words in their Planners. Daily activities to reinforce spelling words include: Word Search, ABC Order, Double Puzzle, write a letter to your teacher using list words and finding meanings of the spelling words in the dictionary.



Dates to Remember:

September 6-

Bookmobile

September 8-

Scholastic Book Order Due

September 12 - Trojan

Reading Bowl - 7:00

September 13 - School Pictures

September 14 - Teacher In-Service-

Dismiss 1:30

September 23 -

Homecoming Parade

Phonics & Grammar

*Genre of tales, and connect prior knowledge

Reading:

Read Aloud Anthology

"Sophie's Masterpiece"

Guided Reading Groups:

Fluency,

comprehension skills,

predicting, and author's

message, realistic

fiction, and author's

purpose.

Independent Reading

and A.R. Tests

Vocabulary

High Frequency Words for this week are:

already, prove, sign, police, eight

Robust Vocabulary Words for this week are:

ignore, dangerous, style, passion, challenge, underestimate, proficient, heed

Quick Tip: To expose your child to these words, one suggestion may include placing word cards around the house and having the student read and define the words as they find them.

In our literacy centers, we place the words on index cards with the definitions on the back. The students read the cards and work with partners to become more familiar with the words.

Writing: (Writing complete sentences)

We will write paragraphs about various pictures. Writing Trait: (Ideas) Conventions (using the correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling). We will also work on describing. The students will also work on using effective word choices in their writing-such as rhyming words and colorful words to clarify description and revise word choices.

Read Aloud Charts

"When You Can Read" - (describing how we listen for a purpose)
Students will discuss what they enjoyed most about the poem.

"Bookworm" - Students will think about what is happening in the poem and the feeling they get from listening to it.

Listening Center

Stories:

"Arthur's Reading Race"

& "Reading With Your Fingers" By Marc Brown

Genre: Fiction:

While listening to these stories, the students will learn new vocabulary words which include: **sign, police, eight, challenge**

The students will also orally discuss the beginning, middle, and end of the story & the author's message.

Snacks

1 - Abby
2 - Tommy
6 - Tevan
7 - Jacob
8 - Tanner
9 - Gunnar

Thanks for providing snacks!!



Importance of a good night's sleep...

Sleep is the power source that keeps your mind alert and calm. Every night and at every nap, sleep recharges the brain's battery. Sleeping well increases brainpower just as weight lifting builds stronger muscles, because sleeping well increases your attention span and allows you to be physically relaxed and mentally alert at the same time. Then you are at your personal best. Thanks for helping make sure your child is well rested.

Quotes of the Week-

"The important thing is not to stop questioning." **Albert Einstein**

"Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom." **George Washington Carver**

West Central Mission Statement: "To prepare all students for learning and living in a changing world." West Central Hartford Elementary Mission Statement: "Instill in our students a love of learning, a desire to know and to do what is right, and the knowledge and skill to face the future with courage."

Thank you for helping to make our first week of school a great success! We are ready to continue on in a positive manner!!